

## FRENCH SENA TE WILL DEMAND POWERFUL FLEET; FUTURE MEETING TO FIX AUXILIARY SHIP QUOTA; DAUGHERTY SEEKS STATE LAW OFFICIALS' HELP

### ASKS CO-OPERATION IN FEDERAL EFFORT FOR ENFORCEMENT

Desires Attorneys-General  
to Call Meetings of County  
Prosecutors.

DRIVE ON BOOTLEGGING  
AND PROFITEERING AIM

No Intention on Part of Gov-  
ernment to Evade Re-  
sponsibility.

WILL PREVENT DUPLICATION

System Is Proposed to Enable All  
Authorities to Work to Best  
Advantage.

[By Associated Press.]  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Co-operation of State law enforcement officials with those of the Federal government was asked by Attorney-General Daugherty in letters sent late today to the attorneys-general of the various States. Such co-operation, it was maintained, would result in better and more uniform enforcement of all statutes.

Enforcement of the prohibition and the food and fuel supply laws were particularly referred to. Mr. Daugherty explained in introducing the dispatch of the letters. There was no disposition on the part of the Federal government to evade responsibility. The States should make every effort to enforce their laws, which might be a duplication of Federal statutes.

Step in Retail Price Probe.  
The letters were also accepted in some quarters as a step in connection with the move, recently announced, of investigating retail prices.

Mr. Daugherty suggested to the State attorneys-general that they call a conference of county prosecutors of their respective States, and, if possible, bring about "a coherent, working arrangement" between them and the Federal officials charged with the same enforcement functions. Such a meeting, he added, ought to be held early in the new year, that the basis of understanding about the various laws to be enforced could be established as well as to serve the real purpose of accomplishing more thorough law enforcement.

Should Prove Real Help.  
The coordination sought by Mr. Daugherty was said to be of real help to municipal authorities, chambers of commerce and others interested in reaching "violations for extortion in the prices now maintained." Referring further to the co-operation which he asked, Mr. Daugherty said: "This will make for a better understanding among the people. It will also afford an opportunity for the several States, without duplication, with the Federal government, to enforce laws which should be enforced."

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### BILLION DOLLARS SPENT BY "MOVIE" FANS EVERY YEAR

Representatives Appear Before the Senate Finance Committee to Argue for a High Tariff on Foreign-Made Pictures.

[By Associated Press.]  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The American people spend from \$750,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000 a year to see motion-picture shows, the Senate Finance Committee was told today in the course of arguments for and against a high tariff on foreign-made pictures. The investment in the industry totals about \$250,000,000, and employment is given to about 250,000 persons.

Paul M. Turner, of New York, speaking for the Actors' Equity Association, testified that the idea that everybody connected with the industry made "big money" was erroneous; that 96 per cent of those engaged in making films received only "a living wage."

Mr. Turner and John Emerson, independent producer of New York, speaking for himself and for D. W. Griffith, urged a duty on imported films of from 50 to 60 per cent ad valorem in place of the 30 per cent in the Fordney bill. They said the industry was in bad shape, with many studios and a large number of the 15,000 motion picture theaters over the country closed.

Declaring that only a high tariff stood between the industry and extermination, Mr. Turner declared that at this time fifty-four German-made pictures were being exhibited in this country and that four or five of these

### Lighted Lantern Gift to Debs as "Honest Man"

[By Associated Press.]  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Eugene V. Debs, the Socialist leader, was given the lighted lantern here today as "an honest man."

Yvain Ledoux, who once sold labor on an auction block on Boston Commons, and later picketed the "conscience" of the arms conference delegates here, made the presentation.

Ledoux called upon Debs at the latter's hotel, carrying a lighted lantern and a copy of the sermon on the Mount. He presented the copy of the sermon to Debs and made a speech, in which he likened the force of the Socialist leader to the force which kindled mountains. "Like Gilead," he said, he had been carrying the lantern in search of an honest man. "But since I have met you," Ledoux said, "I have no further use for it."

### DEBS REPRIMANDED BY STATION POLICE FOR MAKING SPEECH

Makes Speech in Washington  
Union Terminal and  
Is Asked for Permit.

EXPRESSES GRATITUDE  
FOR KINDNESS TO HIM

Starts for Terre Haute—Un-  
decided About Future—May  
Visit Russia.

[By Associated Press.]  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Eugene V. Debs, Socialist leader, was reprimanded tonight by Union Station police here for making a speech without a permit before leaving for his home in Terre Haute, Ind.

Before boarding his train Debs addressed a crowd of several hundred persons in the station, including admirers who had come to say good-by, expressing his gratitude for his reception in Washington and closing with a reiteration of his opposition to war and belief in the force of love in the redemption of the world.

No effort was made by uniformed police in the crowd to interfere with the address, but immediately upon

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### HOOTCH PROVES FATAL

Brothers Die After Drinking Half a Pint.

[By United Press.]  
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—When Frank and John Tiffney, steamship clerk and brother, drank a half pint of "hootch" as a holiday treat it cost them their lives. Both died hours later from a fatal alcohol poisoning contained in the flask.

A third victim, James Corrigan, a cook, is in Bellevue Hospital near death from a similar cause. He was found with a partly filled bottle in his hand.

An attack on the New York City Police Department, which was organized by the Eastman Kodak Company featured the hearings. Mr. Rogers, William A. DeFord, of New York, counsel for the International Film Service Company, Inc.; Frederic R. Conder, of New York, counsel for Pathe Exchange, Inc., and other witnesses, charged that this company, through a monopoly of the "raw" film product, would be able to control the motion-picture industry if imports were shut out. They consequently opposed the 20 per cent ad valorem duty on "raw" films, proposed in the Fordney bill.

The committee also, continuing hearings on sundries in the Fordney bill, heard arguments in favor of increased protection for hard rubber products, beeswax, gas mantles, church statuary and many other American products. It also heard testimony for and against increased duties on pencils.

### JAPAN AND FRANCE HAMPER SOLUTION OF NAVAL PROBLEM

Submarine Issue Regarded  
as Stumblingblock of  
Conference

FRANCE MAY PROPOSE  
NEW EUROPEAN PACT

Willing to Limit Defenses  
With Treaty Similar to  
Pacific Paper.

ORIENTALS ARE IN DEADLOCK

Chinese and Japanese Reach Crisis  
In Parley over Railroad Interests  
In Shanghai.

[By Associated Press.]  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The submarine controversy has revealed so wide a difference of opinion among the powers that the arms delegates are seriously discussing a plan to leave the whole question of auxiliary warship tonnage to a later international conference.

So far consideration of the project has been entirely informal, with conference leaders outwardly reflecting a hope that the present negotiations may yet bring the submarine problem to a solution. In many quarters, however, there are growing signs of discouragement over the prospect, and an accompanying tendency to examine carefully the possibilities of the postponement plan.

### WILSON, AT HIS 65TH MILESTONE, IS SILENT AS TO WORLD EVENTS

Former President, Confident of America's Eventual  
Participation in World League, Fears Expression  
Would Stir His Foes Against Cause He Loves.

By Robert J. Bender,  
United News Staff Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Woodrow Wilson rounds out his sixty-fifth birthday today, but he is not celebrating. He is still silently watching international developments, as he has since the great Republican landslide of 1920 smashed his hopes for the presidency.

He watches developments through the newspapers, discusses them with his friends, but says nothing and, it may be stated, that at no time has he ever expressed his opinion on any subject. He has, however, an attitude of another toward impending events. He hopes earnestly for the day when the American people will see their way toward entrance into world co-operation to keep the peace. But, says nothing and, it may be stated, that at no time has he ever expressed his opinion on any subject.

He feels he personally was aim of foes. The former President is represented as feeling strongly that he personally, rather than the cause he represented, constituted the main objective of those who threw down his international work. For that reason he feels that were he to enter into any public discussion of the merits of the present administration's foreign policy, it would merely

divert attention back to the hatreds developed against him. This, in large measure, explains his silence.

Ray Stannard Baker, who acted as his personal spokesman at the Paris conference and who long has been a friend and great admirer of Wilson's, is about to make public a work consisting of much data prepared by the President personally while abroad. Announcement of this already has drawn criticism upon Wilson as raising a question whether he has the right to now publish documents which he declined to submit to the Senate during the treaty fight.

Known of Baker's Material.  
And, while Wilson did not know in advance of the book written by his secretary, Joseph P. Tamm, and to this day has never discussed the book with Tammy, if indeed he has read it—he did know of the preparation of Baker's material. As early as last fall Wilson turned over to Baker much of his personal data for compilation and, if any document can be said to comprise Wilson's own case before the people, the contents of the Baker work will probably prove to be it. Wilson has repeatedly stated that he, personally, would never

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### RIGHT CONVICTIONS VITAL TO HALT VICE

Western Bishop Asserts Pen-  
alties of Law Alone  
Insufficient.

ADDRESSES PURITY BODY

Churchman Calls for Arous-  
ing of Moral Conscience-  
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[By Associated Press.]  
CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—There are no laws authoritative enough and no penalties severe enough to restrain men and women from crime, if there is lack of moral and spiritual conviction, Bishop Cyrus J. Kephart, of Kansas City, Mo., said in an address before the International Purity Conference here tonight. The conference is being held under the auspices of the World's Purity Federation.

"Laws need improving," he said, "police authorities need to be more vigilant, courts need to be more exacting, executives need to be more determined, educational processes need to be made more comprehensive. But along with all this the moral consciousness of America must be aroused. There must come to the people of America everywhere a deep controlling conviction of individual obligation to do the right and to restrain from the wrong."

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### THOMAS W. BICKETT STRICKEN IN RALEIGH

Former Governor of North Carolina  
Reported in Serious Condition  
at Raleigh Home.

[By Associated Press.]  
RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 27.—Former Governor Thomas Walter Bickett, 52 years of age, suffered a stroke of paralysis at his home here this evening, and his condition was such at 10 o'clock that his physicians entertained but slight hope for his recovery. The former Governor has been unconscious since he was stricken, but attendants said he showed a slight rally after strong restoratives had been administered. Mr. Bickett served one term as Governor and two terms as Attorney-General of North Carolina.

### HEARST VISITS HARDING

Publisher Is Guest of President at  
Luncheon.

[By Associated Press.]  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—William Randolph Hearst, the newspaper publisher, was entertained at luncheon today at the White House by President Harding. The engagement was not formally announced at the White House and it was understood to have been informal.

Hear-Admiral Davis Dies.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Rear-Admiral Charles Henry Davis, retired, brother-in-law of Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, died at his home here today. He was a native of Boston and 76 years of age.

### FOUR ARE IN TOILS; SWINDLED VIRGINIA FARMER, IS CHARGE

Lynchburg Man Loses  
\$28,000, Lifetime Sav-  
ings, by Alleged Fraud

ACCUSED ARRESTED BY  
POLICE OF MEMPHIS

Victim's Return of "Lost"  
Wallet Gets Him In on  
Stock Transaction.

HANDWRITING IS RECOGNIZED

Signature on Hotel Register Seen by  
Detective Inspector Leads to  
His Capture.

[By Associated Press.]  
MEMPHIS, TENN., Dec. 27.—Joseph Lynch, aged 28, was under arrest here tonight, another man, whose identity was not disclosed, was being detained in London, and two other arrests will be made "shortly," according to a police announcement in connection with an alleged swindle, in which Ed. Carter, aged 28, Virginia farmer, declares he lost \$28,000 more than a year ago.

Carter, whose home is in Lynchburg, is said to have identified Lynch as a former roomer in his cottage in Hot Springs, Ark., where Carter had taken an invalid sister for treatment, and his companion on a stroll about the streets of that city when, according to Carter's story, the finding of a supposedly "lost" pocketbook led to the acquaintance of two men, whose gratitude over the return of the "lost" wallet, culminated in joint "stock exchange" deals in which Carter declares he was mulcted out of his savings, approximately \$28,000.

In the course of the "transaction," the men visited Little Rock, Ark., according to Carter, before coming to Memphis last December for the supposed division of profits, but where he was told, he said, that an "unwise" speculation had wiped out both his capital and profit. Carter then appealed to the police.

Lynch's signature on a hotel register, in another name, but with handwriting similar to that of the Lynch, who was in Memphis at the time of the alleged swindle, was the key to the police.

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### WOMAN IS THROWN IN ICY MILL RACE

Bound and Gagged, Mrs. Le-  
ona Stout Is Left to  
Drown.

HER ASSAILANT ESCAPES

Cries for Help Bring Aid, and  
She Is Rescued From  
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### DIES FROM WOUNDS

Arkansas Man Is Accidentally Shot  
by His Wife Out Hunting.

[By Associated Press.]  
WYNN, ARK., Dec. 27.—O. L. Mulholland, of this city, died in a Memphis hospital today from the effects of a gunshot wound accidentally inflicted by a boy with whom he was hunting, near here late yesterday. Mulholland had shot an owl and started to retrieve it. He handed his shotgun to the youth who thinking the owl still alive, fired to kill, the bird striking Mulholland in the side.

Former G. A. R. Head Passes Away.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 27.—William A. Ketcham, former commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, died at his home here today. He was 75 years old. Death was caused by acute indigestion. Mr. Ketcham was elected commander-in-chief September 24, 1920. He was succeeded by Lewis Phipps, of New York, who was elected at the grand encampment held here last September.

Hull Wants Seat in Congress.  
NASHVILLE, TENN., Dec. 27.—Cordell Hull, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, here for a Democratic banquet in his honor tomorrow night, said today he would enter the race for his old seat in the lower house of Congress from the Fourth Tennessee District.

Rome Population Now 750,000.  
ROME, Dec. 27.—Rome now has a population of 750,000, according to census returns. The population was officially estimated at 600,000 in 1916. It has grown from 600,000 to 750,000 in the last year.

### CONSPIRACY AFOOT TO EXPLOIT NATION SAYS LA FOLLETTE

Wisconsin Senator Accuses  
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The Wisconsin Senator made his charges in elaborating on his assertion that a plan is afoot to perpetuate the fundamental provisions of the transportation act embodied in section 15 A (the guaranty section of which a portion expires next March 1), and to render permanent the intolerable conditions which have made the transportation system for the past two years an instrument for the exploitation of the American people.

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### STRANGER HANDS DOPED CIGARETTE TO POLICE OFFICIAL; ES- CAPES WITH MARKED BOTTLE

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., Dec. 27.—A stranger, who represented himself as a post-office inspector, entered police headquarters here today, gave an officer a narcotized cigarette, and while the latter was unconscious, walked out with fingerprint evidence obtained by the police from a bottle of explosive used in recent robbery of the Santa Fe mail car near Edmond, Okla.

The stranger introduced himself as "Mr. Williams." H. A. Murphy, brilliant expert, produced the finger prints and was talking to the man about the robbery when the latter grabbed him a cigarette, the officer alerted after two physicians had spent three hours reviving him.

Murphy said that after lighting the cigarette he talked a few minutes to the man and then lost consciousness. His last remembrance, he said, was seeing the stranger reach for the prints and hearing him say: "Well, I lost you that time." No clue has been found as to the man's identity.

### BRITISH TROOPS FIRE ON RIOTERS IN CAIRO

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tents, Are Continuing With  
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[By United Press.]  
CAIRO, EGYPT, Dec. 27.—Disturbances, inspired by malecontents, are continuing with renewed force. Orders in the native quarter, aroused as protests against British rule, necessitated the calling of troops, who fired on and dispersed the rioters.

Eight steamers, commanded by naval officers and armed with machine guns, proceeded up the Nile to Upper Egypt to be ready to aid in emergency. Airplanes also have been sent to date total eleven killed and fourteen wounded.

### JUDGES AIM TO END EASY MARRIAGES IN NEW YORK

[By Associated Press.]  
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Asserting that existing marriage license in New York was easier than buying a theater ticket, two judges in general sessions today came out for a measure which would require publication of the names of persons obtaining licenses and presiding the ceremony for a month. This, it was asserted, would check runaways and bigamy.

"All you have to do to get married in New York," said Judge Taft, "is to go to a window in the Municipal Building and get a license and then go to another window and get married."

### LIMITATION EFFORT OF ARMS PARLEY BRINGS PROTESTS

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### URGES WHIPPING POST FOR BOY BANDITS AND VAMPIRES

Judge Marcus Kavanagh to Begin Investigation for  
American Bar Association—May Recommend  
Use of Cat-o'-Nine-Tails.

[By Associated Press.]  
CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Judge Marcus Kavanagh, of the Superior Court here, and a member of the committee on law enforcement of the American Bar Association, started out today, to see if he can't bring about re-establishment of the whipping post.

The jurist believes that what some of us need is a good tanning. He believes there would be fewer boy bandits, morose, vampires, home-wreckers, if there was a whipping post in every city, and a good strong whipper to wield it.

To Make Investigation.  
He will investigate conditions in Canada, where hogging is said to work wonders, and then he will go to the State of Delaware, where the cat-o-nine-tails is declared to have cut down crime to but three real burglaries in eighteen years, and practically stopped wife-beating.

He will then report to the American Bar Association and it is possible that distinguished body will go on record in favor of whipping posts next year, giving the movement a tremendous backing.

Judge Kavanagh believes that many present laws pamper criminals. He believes many of the kids brought into juvenile courts should be given a whipping good tanning instead of so many words of kind and fatherly advice.

Over in Canada, the law provides the judge can order the young scamp birched. He doesn't do any strutting then.

"Before the war Canada had thirteen homicides every year to every ten thousand people," he said.

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Submarine Is Defended.  
Senator de Kerguelen defended the submarine as an essential weapon of defense, but wished it to be confined to military uses, instead of being applied to torpedoing commerce.

Senator de Kerguelen declared it was impossible that the French delegation at Washington had said submarines would be used to destroy the enemy's commercial fleet. He explained the necessity of submarines

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